

JOINT STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF ICELAND

AND THE PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL

His Excellency the Prime Minister of Iceland, during his stay in Israel, with Mrs. Benediktsson, as the guest of its Government, has had an opportunity of observing some of the progress made in the country in many areas of national endeavour, ranging from the Kibbutz to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The Prime Minister of Iceland and Mrs. Benediktsson, expressed their profound admiration for the vigorous achievements of the people of Israel in rebuilding their country. They are very appreciative of the hospitality which they have enjoyed and of the widespread expressions of friendship towards Iceland and themselves which they met with, everywhere they went.

The Prime Minister of Israel was happy that the Government and people of Israel, and he himself, have had this memorable occasion to demonstrate the friendship and goodwill that the entire nation entertains towards these two honoured visitors, their country and their people.

The Prime Minister of Israel expressed the deep appreciation of the Government and people of Israel, for the constant sympathy and understanding which Iceland has shown to Israel, both in the United Nations, and in bi-lateral relations.

In the course of their conversations, the Prime Minister of Iceland and the Prime Minister of Israel, surveyed recent developments in various parts of the world that are likely to affect international relationships. They reaffirmed their concern for the maintenance and reinforcement of world peace and for the settlement of international differences by peaceful means. They voiced their conviction that the full and equal right of all states to maintain their political independence and territorial integrity without being exposed to aggression or to the use of threat of force, is a fundamental element of a just and lasting peace.

They look forward to the further strengthening of the cordial relations between their countries in pacific and constructive human enterprise, both by means of bi-lateral exchanges and within the orbit of the United Nations, its specialized agencies and other international organizations.

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